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Dear Parents/Guardians:

After much thought, planning and consideration, this letter is to inform you that the District is prepared to begin the next phase of school reopening.

- Beginning March 22, *elementary school* students will be welcomed to attend school daily, in person. The option to remain fully remote continues to be available to those who prefer.
- Beginning March 29, *middle school and high school* students will be welcomed to attend school daily, in person. The option to remain fully remote continues to be available to those who prefer.

If your child is currently fully remote we will plan for him/her to remain fully remote. If your child is currently hybrid, we will plan for him/her to attend in person daily. If you intend to make a change please notify your child's guidance counselor by March 16th. If you are not making a change, there is nothing you need to do.

I want to make you aware of the following so you have a clear understanding of this transition.

- The mask or masks requirement will still be in place for everyone.
- Busses will not be socially distanced.
- School schedules will remain the same as they currently are.
- Classrooms
 - Desk barriers will be in place and each student will have their own.
 - May or may not be socially distanced, depending on the number of students.
 - Students will still be separated to the extent possible. Elementary students will **not** gather together in close partners **nor** will they gather together as a class on the carpet.

The importance of keeping students home if they are not feeling well will be a key component to successful implementation. Students who are experiencing COVID like symptoms should see a doctor. A viral negative test will be expected to re-enter school if your child has least **TWO** of the following symptoms: ***fever, chills, rigors (shivers), myalgia (muscle aches), headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose*** OR at least **ONE** of the following symptoms: ***cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new olfactory disorder (loss of sense of smell), new taste disorder (loss of taste)***.

We will rely on your continued communication with our school nurses to inform us of COVID contacts or situations that your child and/or family may experience. As we have done all year, we will continue to support and assist you in navigating your particular situation.

We are all excited to have more children in our schools and we are optimistic that if as a school community we continue to respect the guidelines our classrooms will remain open. With that, please realize, with more students in classrooms there will be more students who fit the criteria for close contact should a COVID positive case present itself. We need to control the components we can so please be reminded again of the importance of keeping sick students home and remaining in contact with our nurses. Should you have any questions, please contact your building principal.

Sincerely,

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